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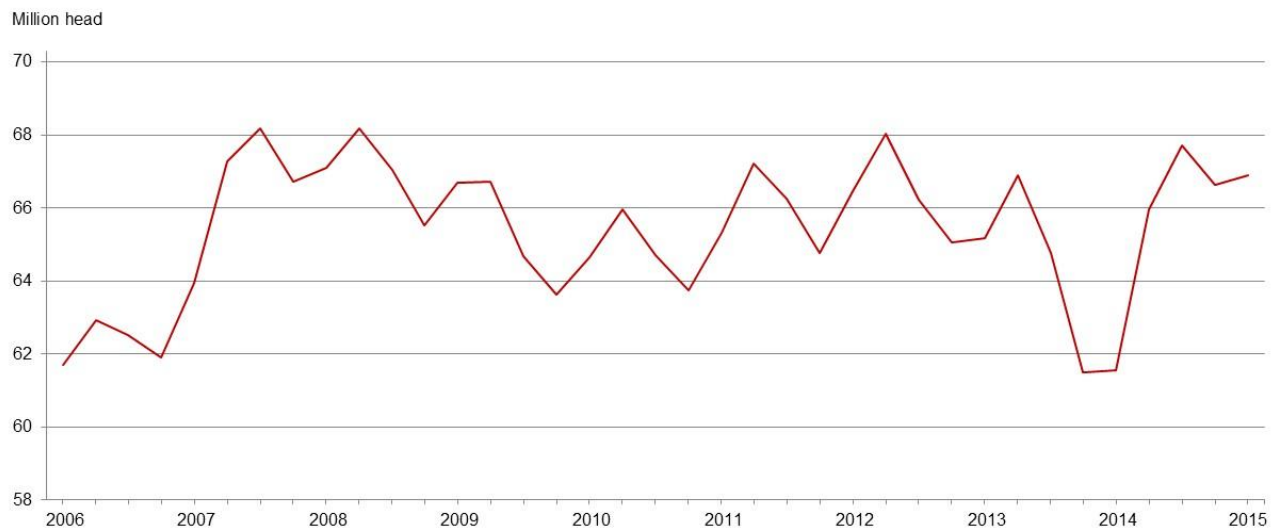


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## U.S. Hogs and Pigs Inventory Up 9 Percent

WASHINGTON, June 26, 2015 – As of June 1, there were 66.9 million hogs and pigs on U.S. farms, up 9 percent from June 2014, and up slightly from March 1, 2015, according to the Quarterly Hogs and Pigs report published today by the U.S. Department of Agriculture's National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS).

**Quarterly Hogs and Pigs Inventory – United States: June 1**



Other key findings in the report were:

- Of the 66.9 million hogs and pigs, 61.0 million were market hogs, while 5.93 million were kept for breeding.
- Between March and May 2015, 29.6 million pigs were weaned on U.S. farms, up 8 percent from the same time period one year earlier.
- From March through May 2015, U.S. hog and pig producers weaned a record high average of 10.37 pigs per litter.

- U.S. hog producers intend to have 2.91 million sows farrow between June and August 2015, and 2.87 million sows farrow between September and November 2015.
- Iowa hog producers accounted for the largest inventory among the states, at 21.0 million head. Minnesota and North Carolina had the second and third largest inventories with 8.05 million and 8.00 million head, respectively.

To obtain an accurate measurement of the U.S. swine industry, NASS surveyed over 8,100 operators across the nation during the first half of June. Data were collected by mail, telephone and through face-to-face interviews. All surveyed producers were asked to report their hog and pig inventories as of June 1, 2015.

The *Quarterly Hogs and Pigs* report and all other NASS reports are available online at [www.nass.usda.gov](http://www.nass.usda.gov).

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